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FOR SCICOUNS JUSTIN BLOOM

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SUBJECT: 9TH UJNR CONFERENCE

REF: TOKYO 14992

1. OCTOBER 25 AND 26 ACCEPTABLE AS DATES FOR UJNR MEETING.
HERMAN POLLACK, FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE (DURING WHICH TIME HE HAD THE RANK OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY), AND NOW ASSOCIATED WITH THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, WILL HEAD U.S. DELEGATION.

2. PER REFTTEL, PARA 1D, U.S. SIDE PLANS TO PREPARE AND FORWARD DRAFT OF GENERAL REPORT IN ADVANCE OF MEETING.
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3. PER REFTTEL, PARA E:

-- THE MATTER OF REPORTING TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND ECONOMICS IS UNDER CONSIDERATION. WE EXPECT, HOWEVER, THAT THE GENERAL AND FIVE-YEAR REPORTS WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR THAT PURPOSE.

-- THE MATTER OF CREATING AN EARTHQUAKE PREDICTION PANEL HAS NOT YET BEEN RESOLVED AND IS UNDER CONSIDERATION.

-- ABOLITION OF MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL OBSERVATION AND FORECASTING PANEL. AS THIS PANEL HAS BEEN INACTIVE FOR SEVERAL YEARS, THE U.S. ORIGINALLY PROPOSED AND STILL ADVOCATES ITS ABOLITION. WE WILL FURNISH RATIONALE AT MEETING.

-- U.S. AGREEABLE TO CHANGE IN NAME OF NATIONAL PARK PANEL.

-- AS FOR CHANGE IN NAME OF DESALTING PANEL, U.S. HAD PROPOSED SUCH CHANGE AND STILL FAVORS IT. WE WILL FURNISH RATIONALE AT MEETING.

-- MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION. U.S. SUPPORTS THE CONCEPT OF MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES WITHIN A STANDARD UJNR FORMAT, WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO MEMBERSHIP ON INDIVIDUAL PANELS.

-- TIMING OF CONFERENCE AND STAFF MEETING. U.S. BELIEVES THAT THE 10TH CONFERENCE SHOULD BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER 1980, AND THE 8TH STAFF CONFERENCE SHOULD BE HELD IN THE FALL OF 1979.

-- FIVE-YEAR REPORT. WE ARE AGREEABLE TO THE IDEA OF PREPARING A FIVE-YEAR REPORT.
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4. RE REFTEL, PARA 1F, U.S. EXPECTS TO HAVE COMMENTS OF U.S. COUNTERPART AVAILABLE AT MEETING.

5. REFTEL, PARA 1G. WHILE U.S. SIDE APPRECIATES JAPANESE INVITATION, BECAUSE OF THE NEED TO RECIPROCATATE AT NEXT MEETING HELD IN U.S., WE ARE HESITANT ABOUT ACCEPTING. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY THOUGHTS OF SCICOUNS ON REPRESENTATIONAL ACTIVITIES DURING THE CONFERENCE AND ON THE MATTER OF THE INVITATION.

6. U.S. DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE, IN ADDITION TO POLLACK, STEVEN ANASTASION, NOAA; CHESTER BENJAMIN, USDA; AND CHARLES GORSEY, OES/STATE. THERE WILL ALSO PROBABLY BE TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT, AND PROBABLY AT LEAST ONE FROM NBS. ADDITIONAL NAMES WILL BE SENT WHEN AVAILABLE. WE WOULD HOPE THAT JUSTIN BLOOM WILL JOIN U.S. DELEGATION.

7. DELEGATION WOULD LIKE TO STAY AT HOTEL NEW JAPAN. BENJAMIN, ANASTASION AND GORSEY PLAN ARRIVAL OCTOBER 23. REQUEST HOTEL RESERVATIONS BE MADE FOR THIS ARRIVAL DATE.

POLLACK'S ETA AND OTHER DELEGATES WILL BE SENT ASAP. VANCE

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